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**JOINT MEETING
RI COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND THE RICW PROJECT
Monday March 9, 2009, 5:00 PM
One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor
Conference Room B
Providence, RI 20908**

MINUTES

Present: Carolyn Belisle, Carrie Bridges, Nancy Carriuolo, Elizabeth Demers, Catherine Graziano, Joanne Hill, JoAnn McEwen, Linda Newton, Nancy Parrillo, Corinne Calise Russo, Nancy Sisson, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Danielle Ward, Shanna Wells.

Absent, Excused: Carol Gibbons, Helene Martin, Neena Savage, Beverly Turner, Camille Volaro.

Absent, Unexcused: Joanne Giannini, Dawn Huntley, Jane Morgan, Eileen Naughton.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order when quorum was achieved at 5:14 PM.

Welcome and Introductions

RICW Chair Linda Newton welcomed the RICW Project members to their first meeting. Each person introduced themselves, and discussed their work and reason for being either on the Commission or the Project Board.

Commission Overview

For the benefit of the RICW Project, Chair Linda Newton reviewed the RICW Mission, Area of Responsibility, financial status, accomplishments over the last two years and current projects.

The RICW reviewed the draft strategic plan for 2009-2010, and made two small changes. Joanne Hill made a motion to accept the strategic plan as amended. Catherine Graziano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RICW Project Overview

Chair Linda Newton explained how the RICW Project came to be, its mission and structure, financial status and expectations for the board in the future. The RICW Project will be sent notification of all RICW meetings, and will set up their own schedule of meetings.

Full group discussed the process for legislative advocacy and scheduling a tour of the women's prison.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:15 PM.

Approved on June 8, 2009.

Beverly Turner, Secretary